

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner objects to the amendment to the Specification contained in the prior office action. Applicant has amended to specification to clarify that Figure 3 shows a fringe material at two opposing edges (i.e., short edges) of the flocked release sheet but does not show fringe at the other pair of opposing edges (i.e., long edges). By the Examiner's admission, this configuration is disclosed in the Specification.

The Examiner objects to claim 38. Claim 38 has been canceled.

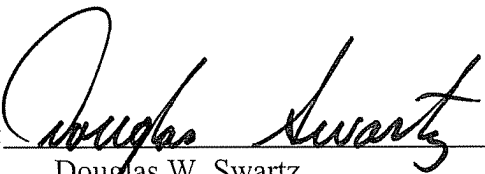
The Examiner rejects claims 43 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 43 and 45 have been canceled.

The Examiner rejects claims 51-52 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant has amended the claims so that they claim positively and not negatively the contact of the thermoplastic sheet with the free ends of the flock.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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